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Company filed its Form 10-Q for the third quarter of 2094, and about the Company's imangial statements for earlier quarters of 2004 at the time the Documents raising issues about Vecco's justification for its failure to restate the

Documents providing evidence that the TurboDisc Controller engaged in

restatement of Vecco's financial statements for the first three quarters of to warranty reserves and revenue recognition, which were aspects of the Veeco Instruments, Inc.'s TurboDisc Division, including matters relating New documents concerning internal control deficiencies of Defendant

deliberate misconduct, which Defendants vigorously deny;

entered. Those documents, which are responsive to Lead Plaintiff's document requests which the vast majority of which were not produced until May 4, 2007, five weeks after that Order was of documents recently produced by Defendants pursuant to the Court's March 30, 2007 Order, 'reply' to the report of Defendants' expert. Rather, that supplementation is necessary as a result supplementation of the report of Lead Plaintiff's accounting expert has nothing to do with a of Lead Plaintiff's accounting expert. Contrary to Mr. Serio's assertion to the Court, the

2007 letter of Robert Serio, counsel for Defendants, concerning the supplementation of the report

I am counsel to Lead Plaintiff in the captioned action. This letter responds to the May 18,

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Re: In re Veeco Securifies Lifigation

Dear Indge Yanthis:

were served at the outset of discovery, include:

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concurrence in that action; representations made by Veeco to Ernst & Young to obtain Ernst & Young's

Edwards accounting system; and attributed the restatement of its financial statements in part to deficiencies of 1D system used by Vecco, which are significant in light of the fact that Defendants Edwards accounting system used by TurboDisc and the Cognos accounting Documents concerning discrepancies between the data produced by the ID

the first three quarters of 2004. that comprised the majority of the restatement of Vecco's financial statements for to the discovery of any of the TurboDisc accounting errors relating to inventory extraordinary financial result, which Defendants found highly suspicious, that led According to the testimony of Vecco's Manager of Internal Audit it was this TurboDisc loss for the month of October 2004 in early November 2004. Documents concerning the report received by Defendants of a \$9.0 million

no purpose other than to advise Defendants as to how its expert planned to rebut Defendants' accounting expert to prepare a rebuttal report which is not required, and, therefore, would serve accounting expert to prepare such a report. It would make no sense for Lead Plaintiff to pay its Lead Plaintiff understand why Mr. Serio would believe that Lead Plaintiff would cause its Lead Plaintiff's accounting expert is not to 'reply' to the report of Defendants' expert, nor can As is apparent from the foregoing, the purpose of the supplemental report or reports or

Mr. Serio's May 18, 2007 letter requests that any such supplemental report be delivered padxa

counct be accomplished in a day ImpoDiac losa, the work required is not simply the reading of textual documents. That work TurboDisc and Veeco accounting systems, and documents analyzing the 59.0 million October documents, in particular the documents relating to the discrepancies between data in the itself. Because a supplemental report will require analysis of the recently produced accounting subjects that would be addressed in a supplemental report, rather than the supplemental report Lead Plaintiff proposed to deliver to Defendants on May 29, if possible, was an outline of the because Lead Plaintiff's accounting expert will not be available until May 29, 2007. In fact, what to Defendants no later than May 25, 2007. As Mr. Serio is well aware, that is unpossible,

with a list of the areas in which I cad Plaintiff's accounting expert will supplement his report, the Thus, Lead Plaintiff anticipates that, although they hope to be able to provide Defendants

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expert's report supplemented before June 8, 2007. documents. Lead Plaintiff does not believe that the necessary analysis can be completed, and the actual supplementation of the report will have to await his analysis of the recently produced

deposition of Mr. Berliner, which is presently scheduled for May 30, 2007. produced by Defendants until June 8, 2007. Accordingly, there is no reason to reschedule the report of its accounting expert incorporating information from the documents that were recently Plantiti's accounting expert, Lead Plaintiff does not expect to be able to provide a supplemental ats accounting expert needed to be identified. Due to these facts, and the vacation of Lead which was not previously known to Lead Plaintiff as well as evidence that should be provided to not been produced previously had to be identified, and the documents that provided evidence thousands of pages that had been produced by Defendants to be reviewed, the documents that had supplementation were not produced until May 4, 2007. It was then necessary for the tens of It should be remembered that virtually all of the documents giving rise to the need of

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Lauroboard Love Respectfully submitted,

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